

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 492  
By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Captain Tom Brown  
upon being named the Tennessee Firemen's  
Association "Firefighter of the Year."

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body should honor those people who  
through their endeavors are credits to their professions; and

WHEREAS, Tom Brown, Captain of the Putnam County Volunteer Fire Department, is  
one such outstanding person; in recognition of his exemplary efforts and dedication to the  
firefighting profession, Captain Brown was the recent recipient of the highest honor in the state  
for volunteer firefighters – the Tennessee Firemen's Association "Firefighter of the Year" award;  
and

WHEREAS, nominated by colleagues, Mr. Brown was chosen from a pool of several  
hundred volunteers across the state eligible for the distinguished award; and

WHEREAS, a seventeen year veteran within the firefighting profession, Captain Brown  
had previously been named Baxter's Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, described as "a good Christian man and a good family man," this  
outstanding public servant gives unreservedly of his time and talents to his firefighting duties;  
Mr. Brown said upon receiving the accolade that he "enjoys helping people" and "anytime I'm  
able to help someone, it's a memorable moment to me"; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Brown is appreciative of the support he receives from his wife, Pat, and their two sons, Adam and Devin; Pat has been especially accommodating as evidenced by comments from her husband: “she has learned to accept being left places because I’ve received a call from someone telling me there’s a fire”; and

WHEREAS, throughout his firefighting efforts, Tom Brown truly exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; It is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to congratulate him upon receiving this distinguished state award and commend him for his dedication to the safety of the citizens of Putnam County and our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Captain Tom Brown of the Putnam County Volunteer Fire Department upon being named the Tennessee Firemen’s Association, “Firefighter of the Year”. We thank him for his dedication to the people of our state and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.